

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 99_1012A
Toshimitsu ISHIKAWA et al. : **Confirmation No. 2333**
Serial No. 09/393,168 : Group Art Unit 1616
Filed September 10, 1999 : Examiner Mina Haghighatian
SOFT CAPSULE : **Mail Stop: AMENDMENT**

EXPLANATION CONCERNING OFFICE ACTION MAILED JUNE 28, 2010

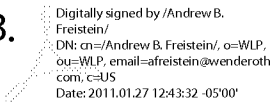
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

An Office Action was mailed to the former address of Applicants' Attorneys on June 28, 2010. During a telephone discussion with Ms. Brenda Gray on or about July 21, 2010, Ms. Gray indicated that the person who signed the change of address (Charles Watts) is not of record. However, during a subsequent telephone discussion with Ms. Gray, she agreed that the Change of Correspondence Address form does not need to be signed by an attorney of record. Ms. Gray further indicated that a new Office Action would be generated. The new Office Action was issued on July 27, 2010. Accordingly, the due dates run from the date of the new Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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